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Reports from Shanghai—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, April 26 and May 3, as follows:

During the week ended April 23, 1904, there were issued 2 original and 1 supplemental bills of health, and there were inspected 2 vessels, 209 crew, and 32 cabin passengers. One case of sickness removed from the U. S. transport *Burnside* at the local quarantine station was ascertained to have been chickenpox. This was noted on the bill of health, the diagnosis having been concurred in by the quarantine officer and the ship's surgeon. Manifests were signed for 1,625 pieces of freight. One emigrant was inspected and passed; also 42 pieces of personal baggage.

The municipal health officer reports for the period: Smallpox, 1 case, 14 deaths; enteric fever, 1 case; diphtheria, 1 case, 1 death; tuberculosis, 28 deaths. Total reported mortality, 2 foreigners and 132 natives.

No quarantinable diseases reported from outports.

During the week ended April 30, 1904, there were no bills of health issued at that port.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week smallpox 1 case, 7 deaths; enteric fever, 1 case; diphtheria, 1 case, 4 deaths; tuberculosis, 40 deaths. The total mortality is given as 3 foreigners and 135 natives.

No quarantinable diseases were reported from outports except one case of typhus fever, heretofore mentioned, which recovered. This case was on H. M. S. *Snipe* at Hankow.

I have been informed that an epidemic of smallpox has broken out on the U. S. S. *Frolic*, the disease having been contracted while the vessel was in this port. She is now somewhere down the coast.

Plague in Amoy.

(By telephone from State Department.)

AMOY, June 4, 1904.

HAY, Washington:

Plague.

FESLER, Consul.

CUBA.

Report from Cienfuegos—Closing of insanitary tenement houses.

Acting Assistant Surgeon McMahon reports, May 25, as follows:

Transactions for the week ended May 21, 1904: Vessels inspected and bills of health issued, 2; crews inspected, 57; passengers inspected, none.

By a recent order of the city council of this city a great many old houses that have been used as sleeping quarters for a very poor class of people have been closed on account of the very bad sanitary condition of these premises. These houses could be classed as very dirty tenement houses, and have always been a menace to the public health, especially in times of epidemics.

Mortuary report not yet received.